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The following documents are cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent application No. (A) 07-005555 (NIKON CORP), published January 1, 1995;
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent application No. (A) 06-043538 (NIKON CORP), published February 18, 1994;

Applicant also wishes to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:


- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent application No. (A) 06-035521 (MITSUBISHI IND LTD), published February 10, 1994; and
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent application No. (A) 08-287195 (TOSHIBA CORP), published November 11, 1996.

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